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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/09 AND ENDING 12/31/09  
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## A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Cato Capital, LLC

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS (do not use P.O. Box No.)

31 Woodland Street 11-C

(No. and Street)

Hartford

CT

06105

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

Karen Z Fischer

(561) 483-6335

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

## B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

Sherb &amp; Co., LLP

(Name - if individual state last, first, middle name)

1900 NW Corporate Boulevard, E210

Boca Raton

Florida

33431

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Harold Lindenthal, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statements and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Cato Capital, LLC, as of December 31, 2009 are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA  
 Karen Z. Fischer  
Commission # DD610800  
Expires: NOV. 17, 2010  
BONDED THRU ATLANTIC BONDING CO., INC.

Harold Lindenthal  
Signature  
President  
Title

Karen Z. Fischer  
Notary Public

This report\*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing page
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition
- ☒ (c) Statement of Income (Loss)
- ☒ (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition
- ☒ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors
- ☒ (g) Computation of Net Capital
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3
- ☒ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1
- ☒ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SICP Supplemental Report
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit
- ☒ (o) Independent auditor's report on internal control
- ☐ (p) Schedule of proposed capital withdrawals

\*\* For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

**CATO CAPITAL, LLC**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

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### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Harold Lindenthal, President  
Cato Capital, LLC  
31 Woodland Street, 11-C  
Hartford, CT 06105

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Cato Capital, LLC as of December 31, 2009, and the related statements of operations, changes in members' equity and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cato Capital, LLC as of December 31, 2009, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in the supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

  
Certified Public Accountants

Boca Raton, Florida  
February 24, 2010

CATO CAPITAL, LLC  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2009

**ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 29,104
Broker loans receivable	55,500
Prepaid expenses	<u>157,145</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 241,749</u>

**LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY**

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>\$ 16,826</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>16,826</u>
 Members' equity	 <u>224,923</u>
 Total liabilities and members' equity	 <u>\$ 241,749</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

CATO CAPITAL, LLC  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Revenues:	
Fee income	\$ 36,201
Interest	<u>104</u>
Total revenue	<u>36,305</u>
Expenses:	
Commissions	28,581
Commissions - other	115,000
Communication	3,044
Advertising	12,679
Licenses	1,088
Telephone	2,480
Professional fees	195,307
Consultants	8,373
Regulatory fees	2,429
Travel and entertainment	10,401
Tax	426
Other expenses	<u>9,040</u>
Total expenses	<u>388,848</u>
Net loss	<u>\$ (352,543)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

CATO CAPITAL, LLC  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Balance, January 1, 2009	\$	114,966
Contributions		462,500
Net loss		<u>(352,543)</u>
Balance, December 31, 2009	\$	<u>224,923</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements



CATO CAPITAL, LLC  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Net loss	\$ (352,543)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Prepaid expenses	(155,645)
Increase in:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	7,344
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(500,844)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:	
Contributions	462,500
Loans receivable - related parties	<u>(20,500)</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>442,000</u>
Net Decrease in cash	(58,844)
Cash, beginning of year	<u>87,948</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 29,104</u>
<u>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</u>	
Cash paid during the year for interest and taxes	<u>\$ -</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

**CATO CAPITAL, LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

Cato Capital, LLC (the "Company") was incorporated on June 30, 2004, in the state of Connecticut and is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulation Authority (FINRA).

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. There were no cash equivalents at December 31, 2009.

Revenue Recognition

The Company earns revenue from investment banking and consulting. Fees for investment banking and consulting are recognized as services are provided. Investment banking fees are generally based on a percentage of the total value of a transaction and are recognized upon successful completion.

During 2009 the Company earned 100% of its revenue from two customers.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Taxes

As a limited liability company, the Company is treated as a partnership for Federal and State income tax purposes. Under subchapter K of the Internal Revenue Code, each member is taxed separately on his distributive share of the Company's income whether or not that income is actually distributed. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been recorded in the accompanying statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2009.

**NOTE 3 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1, except for the first 12 months of operations when it shall not exceed 8 to 1 (and the rule of the "applicable" exchange also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1). At December 31, 2009, the Company had net capital of \$12,278, which was \$7,278, in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital computed in accordance with Rule 15c3-1 was 1.37 to 1.

The Company qualifies under the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under Section (k)(2)(ii) of the Rule, as it does not carry security accounts of customers or perform custodial functions related to customer securities.

**CATO CAPITAL, LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

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**NOTE 4 – PREPAID EXPENSES**

During the year ended December 31, 2009, the Company entered into an agreement with an attorney in which the Company prepaid legal fees totaling \$163,000. Prior to the year end the amount was reduced to \$157,145 to reflect an invoice received from the attorney for legal fees incurred. Beginning in February 2010 this amount will be reduced monthly by \$15,000 until payment is made in full or the pending legal case is settled. See note 7 for additional information.

**NOTE 5 – LOANS RECEIVABLE – RELATED PARTIES**

At December 31, 2009 loans receivable totaled \$55,500 which consisted primarily of a loan to an employee. The loan bears interest at 5% per annum and has a maturity date of January 1, 2012.

**NOTE 6 – MEMBERS' EQUITY**

During the year ended December 31, 2009, the Company received contributions from its members totaling \$462,500.

**NOTE 7 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Company entered into a contract with a client to raise their private capital. The Company provided and the client accepted a list of prospects that the Company would pursue for the capital. The client through other agents directly made contact with the prospects on the list the Company provided and secured capital. The Company is suing for the commissions it feels it is entitled based on the capital raised with the Company's prospects through the use of other agents.

**NOTE 8 – COMMISSIONS – OTHER**

A former employee of the Company responsible for securing a client for the Company was due to earn a percentage of the capital raised. The client did not uphold its part of the agreement and the Company is seeking legal action (See Note 4 and Note 7). Over time the former employee has traded future potential recovery fees for current income. In exchange for the income she has agreed to decrease the percentage of her further interest in any future judgment or settlement.

**NOTE 9 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

We have evaluated subsequent events through February 24, 2010, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There are no significant subsequent events as of that date.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

CATO CAPITAL, LLC  
COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1  
OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 31, 2009

Net capital computation:

Total members' equity	\$ 224,923
Deductions and/or charges:	
Non-allowable assets:	
Broker loans receivable	55,500
Prepaid expenses	<u>157,145</u>
Total non-allowable assets	<u>212,645</u>
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions	<u>12,278</u>
Total haircuts on securities	<u>-</u>
Net capital	12,278
Required minimum capital	<u>5,000</u>
Excess net capital	<u>\$ 7,278</u>

Aggregate indebtedness:

Aggregate indebtedness as included in the Statement of Financial Condition	<u>\$ 16,826</u>
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u>1.37 to 1</u>

Reconciliation:

Net capital, per unaudited December 31, 2009 FOCUS report, as filed	\$ 14,685
Audit Adjustments	<u>2,407</u>
Net capital, per December 31, 2009 audited report, as filed	<u>\$ 12,278</u>

**CATO CAPITAL, LLC  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION PURSUANT TO RULE 17A-5  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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Cato Capital, LLC is claiming exemption under the provisions of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(i) ie., limited business (investment banking).

Therefore, the following reports are not presented:

- A) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirement under Rule 15c3-3.
- B) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements under Rule 15c3-3.



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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5  
FOR A BROKER-DEALER CLAIMING AN EXEMPTION FROM SEC RULE 15c3-3**

Harold Lindenthal, President  
Cato Capital, LLC  
Hartford, CT

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Cato Capital, LLC for the year ended December 31, 2009, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1) Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons
- 2) Recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13
- 3) Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A *control deficiency* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A *material weakness* is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, which we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2009 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Member, management, the SEC and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

  
Certified Public Accountants

Boca Raton, Florida  
February 24, 2010